

REMARKS

The Examiner's Advisory Action of October 29, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the Amendment and the following comments.

Claims 10-17 are currently pending in the instant application.

I. Rejection under 35 USC 102(a)

Claims 10-12 have been rejected under Section 102(a) as being anticipated by Van. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of November 25, 2003, during which the merits of the pending claims versus the disclosure of the prior art was discussed. During the interview, the Examiner suggested that the present rejection as it stands would be overcome by the above amendments, as additionally suggested in the comments set forth in the Advisory Action of October 29, 2003.

Van does not disclose a space transformer comprising double-sided electrical contacts, the contacts comprising land grid array side contacts having dimensions and spacing in the order of mils, and semiconductor side contacts having dimensions and spacing in the order of microns.

Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 10 is patentable over Van. Moreover, dependent claims 11 and 12 are likewise patentable over Van by virtue of being dependent from independent claim 10, and further for the particular additional features that they recite.

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw his rejection of the claims under Section 102(a).

II. Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 13-17 have been rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van in view of Petrarca et al. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Petrarca et al. have been cited for their disclosure of an adhesion promoter.

Claims 13-17 all pertain to a space transformer according to embodiments of the present invention. As discussed in Section I above, however, Van does not disclose, or even suggest, a space transformer according to embodiments of the present invention. In addition, Petrarca et al. do nothing to overcome the deficiencies of Van.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 13-17 are patentable over the cited combination of references. In view of the same, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw his rejection of the claims under Section 103(a).

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants earnestly solicit issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 10-17.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4296 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

No additional fees are believed to be required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, the Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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